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The Gear-Up program gives students an incentive to achieve. Educators Gloria Taylor (left), Carole Lapidis, Dan Hurst, Molly McGlynn, Phyllis Adkins, Rhonda Henry, Tom Dolan, and Lemus Helliare plan to put lessons into motion.

Schools get ready to 'Gear-Up'

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

They're gearing-up for a better experience in school.

That's what Romulus Middle School Principal Phyllis Adkins said about seventh-grade students who are being offered the incentive to learn more through a scholarship program called the "Gear-Up Grant."

The federal program, which offers students who maintain their grades at an acceptable level until high school graduation, has existed for several years. The program gives students a goal to work toward and pairs them with university-level support – which greatly increases their chances of success, said Carl Weiss, the superintendent of Romulus Community Schools.

"We are very pleased to have been selected by the University of Michigan for the grant, and we intend to cooperate fully with U of M on this wonderful educational opportunity for our community," he said. "This will give our students and their parents strong incentives to work for. The Gear-Up program will help

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3 to vie for Romulus school board post

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

One incumbent and two challengers have filed to seek one open position on the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education.

Niema White, a one-term board member, will vie for her seat against challengers Danielle Funderburg and Sandra Crout. The women are seeking a four-year term on the board.

The seven-member Romulus school board is responsible for steering all management decisions and fiscal issues within the 4,300-student district. The district has about 350 employees and a budget of \$43 million.

Board members terms expire on a rotating basis every year. Two terms usually expire annually, but because of the odd number of seats, only one term expires this year.

Three people seeking one

open seat represent a large pool of candidates for Romulus schools. Funderburg – who is a former parent coordinator at Wick Elementary, said her candidacy is about new ideas, and bringing opportunities to the schools that exist in other districts.

"Since there have been so many (funding) cuts, we need to take ownership of some activities for our kids," she said. "There are things like national spelling bees and language clubs – those are the kind of activities that will expose out kids to competition."

Though the parent coordinator positions were eliminated, Funderburg still volunteers at Wick.

White, who sought a city council seat in 2005, did not immediately return a message left at her home on Tuesday. Crout was unreachable for comment.

The board has faced some difficult decisions this year, and will

likely face challenges for the foreseeable future.

A \$1 million deficit forced the board to lay off about 40 employees and eliminate several open positions to balance the books. The board also undertook an extensive process to hire a new superintendent to manage the district in 2006.

The 2007-08 fiscal year is likely to be challenging, with health-care and retirement costs outpacing any increases in state per-pupil funding, officials said.

The school board election is scheduled for Tuesday, May 8. Residents can continue to register to vote in the election until April 9.

Registration takes place at the Romulus City Hall, 1111 Wayne Road. Absentee ballot requests can also be obtained at the same location.

Information is available at the office of the city clerk, (734) 942-7540.

Budget process imminent

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

It's that time of the year again.

Next week, Mayor Alan Lambert will conduct a series of budget meetings for the 2007-08 fiscal year that should result in a proposal that will have to meet approval of the seven-member Romulus City Council before June 30.

"We're going to have several meetings a day, and go over what we need," he said. "The main thing here is going to be keeping our belts buckled tightly – our policy in the past has been to only purchase what we need. We tell departments that if something isn't necessary, don't ask for it."

Romulus operates on a \$22 million budget that has in the past gone into deficit, but not nearly as much as other communities. About \$1 million in county parking fees that are rolled back to Romulus, along with minimal cuts, have kept the city in the black while avoiding layoffs and cuts and services, which have dogged virtually every other municipality in Wayne County.

"We do have some things going for us, but I think we've been able to balance the budget because we're not buying excessively," Lambert said.

The inter-departmental meetings are not open to the public, but will go a long way in determining what the parameters of budget presented before city council in April will contain.

There are some notable differences in city expenditures that will come on-line in the 2007-08 fiscal year, said Lambert. The new city recreation center – which is in the final phases of renovation – will take up a larger portion of available funds because a firm will be hired to manage the building.

"Our hope is that the firm, because they do this sort of thing all the time, will be able to train our people to run the day-to-day operations at the center," he said.

Revenue streams for the first year of the new center are still being identified, but the overall plan is for the recreation center to be self-funding by charging for memberships and for activities.

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Township board OK's study of water system

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Van Buren Township Trustees approved a study recently which will determine the feasibility of a \$9 million water storage tank and water system improvements.

The Drinking Water Revolving Fund project plan and water feasibility study shows that end results could shave peak hours for water usage, increase system redundancy and reduce severity of increases from Detroit Water and Sewer, according to Patti Duha, director of the water and sewer department in the township.

"A storage tank will offer insurance and independence from the Detroit water system. We can control costs and if theirs goes

down we would have somewhat of a back-up," said Trustee Lianne Clair.

"I appreciate the faith in undertaking this. It's an attempt to move forward even if it's costly," said Duha.

The study, conducted by Wade-Trim Associates at a cost of \$36,500, will identify any improvements needed for a 20-year planning horizon. It means the plan will include improvements other than the water tower, like how to address the pressure, fire flow and redundancy deficiencies in the northwest corner of the township. Something the township has been looking to fix for the past three years, according to Treasurer Sharry Budd.

The water tower could be located in one of four locations: the northwest corner of the

township, near township hall, near township park or the southwest corner of the township. Each was selected based on fire flow and equalization pressure objectives, but also to potentially utilize existing township owned properties, officials said.

Financing would come from a 20-year loan from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Drinking and Water Revolving Fund and an additional \$27,500 would be set aside for operation and maintenance.

Resident Paul White said he had concerns with what the water tower would look like, additional uses and additional costs.

"I'm appreciative of water because I grew up in poor conditions, so I appreciate that I can turn on my faucet anytime and get water,

but we need to think of all these concerns," he said. "I do have an objection if we're putting this in for additional development, too. I've paid the water and sewer millage and we're not receiving any return on the south side. Future development and homeowners will benefit from that millage that we paid and that doesn't sit well with me.

"The old residents won't have benefits and the new ones moving in will have all the benefits of water and not pay a single penny," he added.

Duha said she, too, didn't want existing residents to pay for future development. Overall, the effects of the water tank are multi-purpose for better flow to existing areas, to cut the costs of peak rates and to give system redundancy, she said.



On a roll

The Van Buren Township Public Safety Department traffic unit was honored recently by the Michigan Office of Highway Safety and Planning for excellence in traffic safety for 2006. This is the first time the department submitted an entry for the award. The group received a \$6,000 grant for the traffic unit along with a plaque. They now have a chance to win a national award.



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Adding up success

The ever-growing importance of having solid math skills in the global marketplace took a fun turn last week when Halecreek Elementary School hosted "Math Night." Students played board games and participated in other activities designed to get them thinking about numbers in a more analytical way at the annual event. Above, teachers (left to right) David Peck and Marlen Shelman join principal Kellie Knight in assisting students Toni Whitworth, Brandon Kalep, Terrell Whitworth and Jalen Brown play a game called "Slim Swamp."

Senator will host hunting fee forum

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Hunting and fishing is not the first thing one thinks about in Romulus, but residents who enjoy those activities can find out more about potential license fee increases on Feb. 22.

Sen. Ray Basham (D-Taylor) announced that he is planning a Town Hall Meeting from 7 until 9 p.m. Feb. 22 to address the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) proposed hunting and fishing license fee increases. Officials from the DNR will also be in attendance.

The meeting will be at the Taylor City Hall on Goddard Road in the city council chambers. The meeting is open to

the public.

"Hunting and fishing, and outdoor recreation is an important part of the downriver way of life," said Basham. "My office has been flooded with calls from concerned constituents, and I feel it's important to connect them with the DNR to address this issue head on."

Statewide, hunting and fishing license fees have not increased since 1996. According to the DNR, if license fees are not restructured and increased, the Game and Fish Protection Fund will have a deficit between \$9 and \$11 million in fiscal year 2007-08, due to decreasing license sales and inflation.

Recommended fee increases will accommodate inflation-

ary impacts and make Michigan fees commensurate with surrounding states. In many cases, the current fees in Michigan are the lowest in the upper Midwest. License fees are set by the Michigan Legislature, not the DNR or the Natural Resources Commission.

"My colleagues in the Legislature and I will make the final decisions about hunting and fishing license fees," Basham said. "An open discussion with outdoorsmen and women will ensure a fair price that helps preserve our wild land while keeping these sports accessible to everyone."

For more information, contact Basham's office at (517) 373-7800 or by e-mail at SenRBasham@senate.mi.gov.



Beautiful music

Aspiring flutists generated a melodic tune version of Jim Croce's classic, "Bad, Bad Leroy Brown" last week at a special reception attended by parents and music lovers alike. Cory Elementary School fourth graders who took part in the concert included (left to right, top row) Madelyn Thomas, David Bland, Toni Johnson, Jada McGinnis, Alisha Lewis and Jelani Shinn. In the bottom row are: Chris Irby, Byren Bradley, Jamon Higgins, Kayla Pool, Devin Hardy and Brittany Spray.

Van Buren Schools amend budget

Andrea King
Staff Writer

An amendment to the 2006-2007 Van Buren Public Schools budget was denied on Monday.

School board members did not have a quorum because Ralph Nodwell, Keith Johnston and Toni Hunt were absent. When the vote was called came to amend the budget, Trustee Rob Coutts voted 'no' because it was not a balanced budget, he said.

"I haven't voted for a budget in two years because I want a balanced budget," Coutts said.

If approved, it would have left the district with a \$1.8 million ending general fund balance, according to Nick Armelagos, director of finance for the district.

"The major revenue changes were a \$10 foundation allowance per pupil increase, an increase in tax revenue adjustments, an increase in at risk funding and an increase in the middle school math initiative," he said. "The decreases were changes in the non home-stead tax value."

Major appropriations changes included: an increase in the district bilingual students, an increase in payments to the county treasurer for property tax adjustments and an increase in the building department and the purchase of maintenance trucks, Armelagos said.

The budget amendment will come back to the school board on Feb. 26.

Schools - Students can get \$6,400

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prepare students to meet their future college academic requirements."

The school also received a grant of \$15,000 to help administer the program, and will receive another \$30,000 in 2008.

There are several components to the Gear-Up program. Monies received will help fund "re-teachers" in math and language arts for students struggling with those subjects.

Dick Kruse, a spokesman for the district, said the components of the program are specific to each district, and that Adkins - who administers the program - worked hard to lure the University of Michigan.

"She really pursued the school and created programs that are different than what they have at other schools, which is a big kudos to her," he said.

Included in Adkins' plan is a five-day camp at the University Ann Arbor campus for all of the

students.

Until the eighth grade, students are allowed to falter in some subjects, but once they go to the high school, they have to maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.5. Students with a higher average are also eligible to take part. Students must stay within the Romulus Community School District to obtain the financial support.

By graduation, they will apply for - and receive - scholarships in \$1,600 increments for each year of their education.

Gear-Up Grants are federally funded, and have made their way into school districts that can convince an accredited university to create a partnership. The state of Michigan applied for the funds, then distributed them to 16 colleges and universities.

The program is also a staple at middle schools and high schools in several western Wayne county communities, including Westland, Wayne, and Inkster.

News in brief

Valentine's Day shower scheduled

Expectant mothers are invited to celebrate a late Valentine's Day by attending the Baby Be Mine Community Baby Shower.

The event will take place from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 20, at the Newburgh United Methodist Church hall. The church is located at 36500 Ann Arbor Tr.

Sponsored by Westland-based Hegira Program Young Mothers Assistance Program, the shower is for pregnant or parenting teens 13-21 years old with children 0-3 years old. Family members are also invited to attend.

Mothers will be able to take part in educational programs to help them manage their affairs during the event. Games, gifts and food are also available.

The event is free for attendees. Funds for the event were provided by the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance.

Registration is required. For more information or to register, call (734) 513-7598.

Story time is back

Families looking for activities for children during the winter months are invited to step out of the cold and into the Romulus Public Library for preschool story time.

Story time is geared to children ages 3 to 5. Each session includes five stories, and a craft session. The library will run to separate sessions throughout February and March.

Tuesday evening session will begin at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 20, and Wednesday sessions will begin at 10:30 a.m. Feb. 28. The sessions will conclude on March 27 and 28, respectively.

For more information call (734) 942-7589.

Clarification

The story "School board election looms" (*The Romulus Roman*, Feb. 8, 2007), erroneously stated that school board candidates needed 20 signatures to file for a candidacy, and that a term is two-years long.

In fact, a term is four years long, and 40 signatures are required.

The Romulus Roman regrets the error and any confusion it may have caused.

OPINION

A good example

Talks about the regionalization of services have been renewed recently in western Wayne County.

Perhaps they stem from the desire to provide similar or enhanced services at reduced costs to taxpayers or have been given new weight by a suggestion from Gov. Jennifer Granholm that such cooperation would be tied into revenue sharing.

Whatever the reason, it's good to see these talks gain some kind of momentum—even if they will probably ultimately lead nowhere.

That in itself is a bit of a strange thing because, as residents in western Wayne County saw last week, in many ways it's already happening.

The fire at the Innsbrook Apartment complex in Northville Township is a perfect example.

The township responded to the scene and quickly called in reinforcements—from the City of Northville and the Plymouth Community fire departments. The City of Livonia was also notified because the incident took up so much manpower that the neighboring agency was needed to respond to other incidents.

All in all, everything went pretty smoothly. It's a testament to the wisdom of automatic mutual aid pacts signed in many communities throughout the region.

This intergovernmental cooperation will get other tests throughout the next two years as the Plymouth and the Northville fire departments work together to solve any issues that arise from the closure of Sheldon Road near the Plymouth and Northville border.

We wonder if this can't be a test phase for something larger, something more permanent. Borders are what they are and the identity of communities are what they are—and they are intrinsically entwined with their respective public safety departments.

That's just the beginning of the issues that would need to be tackled. There are plenty of personnel issues to wade through, union negotiations among them. Those are equally sticky, if not more so, and only lend credence to our thought that such a massive regionalization would never happen.

Still, if the talks lead to improved services and bring new ideas to other departments and get everyone thinking of new ways to proactively provide services, they can only be a good thing.

Hope for the best, but...

Here's some advice for school officials emboldened by Gov. Jennifer Granholm's promise to not cut school funding for the current fiscal year.

Hope for the best, prepare for the worst.

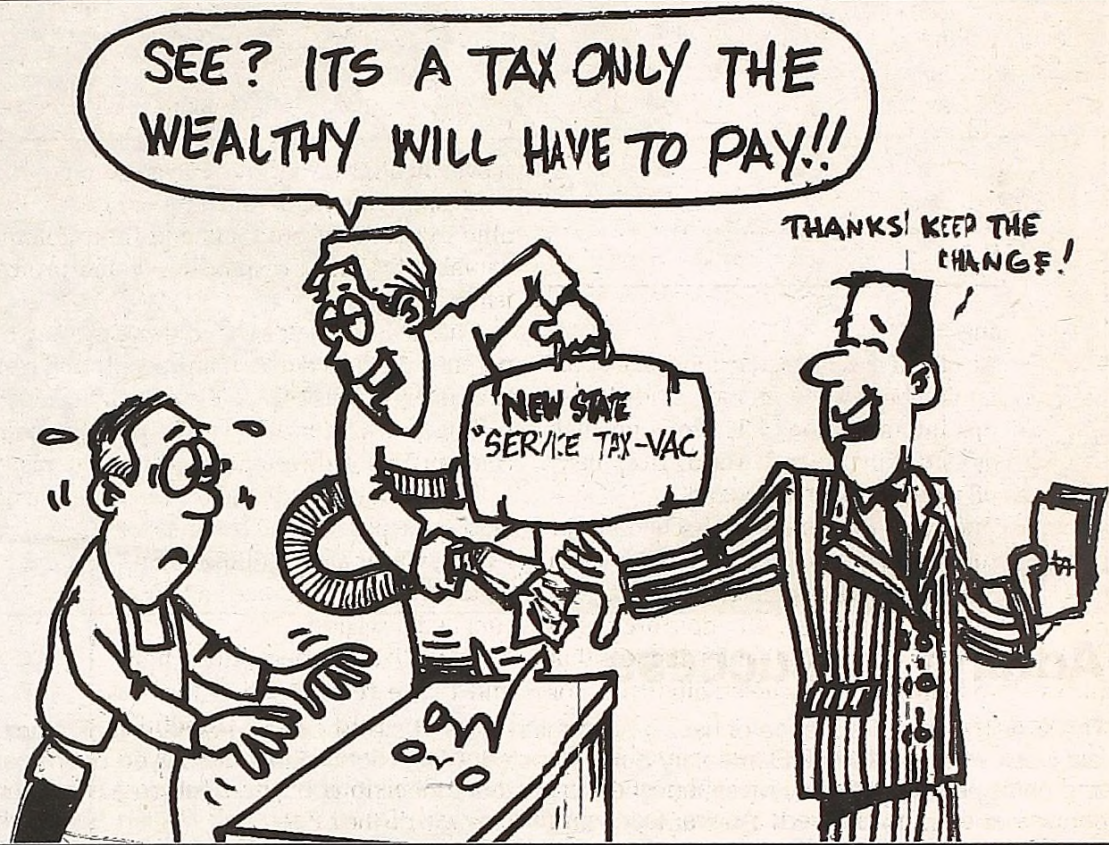
It was a bit of a surprise that Granholm said during her State of the State speech last Tuesday that school funding wouldn't suffer from the executive order cuts that school officials had been told were coming for several weeks. Perhaps that declaration came because, earlier in the speech, she continually used the word 'invest' combined with education and going ahead with the plan would have been a little, well contradictory.

Either way, school officials have been operating under the assumption that they were going to lose as much as \$224 per student this year. They've put together subcommittees and fact-finding committees to try to determine what, if anything could be cut. They braced themselves for the inevitable dip into their general fund reserves—some of which are already dangerously low.

For now, that appears to be merely an exercise, like one handed down by a substitute chemistry teacher.

It does make one wonder, though, about the future. Will school dis-

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A rough road ahead

Officials in the City of Wayne received the news they had expected recently, when they learned the ballot language for the upcoming road millage had been approved by the state.

A citizen's group has already formed to plan ways to get the word out, but not even a single sign has gone up and I've apparently made my first flub of this campaign.

In earlier stories, I wrote that city officials could only inform residents about the millage, what it means and how much it would cost. They could not endorse it or tell people to vote against it.

That's not entirely true.

To do its part, the city administration has the responsibility to put out information about the millage. City employees can't advocate it or go door to door while they're on the clock, but after hours if they feel like it they can do so—they're just like any other citizen.

Members of the city council can advocate it as much as they want. They're elected to their positions, of course, so they have to consider the political ramifications of their positions, but they're not prohibited from doing so.

Looking back, I have a hard time believing I made a mistake like that. It's a pretty obvious distinction. We in the media are always asking those seeking office or in office what their position is on proposed new taxes or millage renewals. Whether they're running for school board at a time when a school district is trying to push a bond or a sinking

fund request through or they're seeking a township board or city commission or council seat, that type of question is often revealing about what elected think about taxation and the priorities of their community.

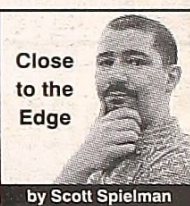
Voters in the City of Wayne will decide the issue on May 8, at the same time they pick two school board members. I've heard mixed reactions so far about the impending road millage vote—which would generate \$20 million to fix the roads and sidewalks in the city—and I think the city officials have a tough sell ahead of them.

On the one hand, no one would argue that the work isn't needed. On another, even though it's a relatively small amount of money, it's still additional money that taxpayers will have to fork out. There's a built in negativity in those kinds of situations that the committee will either have to overcome or ignore—to concentrate on undecided voters.

So the city will need all the help it can get as it promotes the upcoming millage. That help can take the form of elected officials or city employees—as long as they're not on the clock and volunteering on their own time.

I suspect our newspaper will provide our official opinion on the issue in April, once we have all of the details and the pro's and con's.

Until then, keep your eyes and ears open and learn to grit your teeth and keep both hands on the wheel on some of those rougher streets.



Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

Showing real grace under pressure

There is no doubt that Jim Ryan has experienced the frigidness of the Plymouth and Canton communities. Except it had nothing to do with single digit temperatures and subzero wind chill factors.

Ryan, the superintendent of the Plymouth-Canton Community School District, received hundreds of phone calls and emails last week from angry parents and students questioning his decision to go ahead with classes when the majority of schools in the region were closed.

The outrage was so great that Ryan had to post a response letter on the district website and then go through the indignity of explaining himself on a local news telecast.

"I knew at the time we made the call that the decision could have gone either way, and in hindsight I probably should have cancelled school," said Ryan who finally succumbed to the pressure from parents and the media and cancelled classes the following day.

Ryan said his decision was based on the ability of buses to take students to and from their schools safely and for the building to keep them warm once they arrived.

It may have been cold on Feb. 5 but state, county and municipal road crews did their job to make the roads negotiable. There were no accidents reported involving any Plymouth-Canton bus drivers.

The concern for younger children standing outside in bitterly cold weather is valid. The district admitted as much when they decided to cancel afternoon kindergarten classes that day.

The posturing about the welfare of high school students traveling between Canton, Plymouth and Salem high schools is absurd.

If these students think classes will be cancelled on the college campuses in Ann Arbor or East Lansing—just because of cold weather—they will experience a



Lester at large

by Lester Holmes

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Soon to wed

Connie Nowland and Bill Cullen are engaged

Connie P Nowland and Bill Cullen became engaged to wed on New Years Day, 2007.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Virginia J. Sweatt of Wayne. The future groom is the son of

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Suchara of Livonia. No wedding date has been set.

Grace

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rude awakening.

The purpose of a high school education is not only to teach academics, but also to prepare students for their next steps into adulthood. There is no such thing as a weather day in the work world. How many of you called off work because of the cold?

Another concern is that the school schedule for high school students in the district has already been altered to fit the new state mandated Merit Exams. About 1,300 juniors attending Plymouth-Canton schools missed days of preparation for the test that promises more than \$4,000 in scholarship money for students who pass.

The same weather conditions that caused scores of parents to contact the district were perfect for the students who went to the malls, restaurants and

movie theatres throughout Wayne County.

Despite missing a few days of classes, Ryan was able to teach his students and their community a valuable lesson in responsibility and professionalism.

The head of the district didn't shy away from the parents. He talked to as many people and responded to as many emails as possible. When the media came rolling down Harvey Street, Ryan didn't send his communication director to face the cameras.

The superintendent had every opportunity to blast some parents and students for leaving vulgar and insulting emails. Instead, he showed grace and decorum under scrutiny.

"I realize the buck stops here and I take responsibility for the decision," said Ryan. Hopefully when his students are faced with tough decisions in their futures, they will do the same.

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tricts continually have to labor under the suspicion of any funding increase they receive from the state? Will they have to look skeptically at every proposed source or revenue and expense? Sadly, yes.

Perhaps this exercise many districts have taken on in the past few months won't be a waste of time, after all.

There's no way the state can fund every-

thing outlined in the State of the State speech, after all. It's likely that those words—while positive news—may be soon forgotten.

While officials at our local school districts may welcome the news in the short term, it doesn't make their job any easier in the long term. They'll still have to plan conservatively, check every expense and evaluate every program, make decisions based on available funding and not ideal class size. There's always the potential that the rug will be pulled out from under them, again.

Township police to monitor buses

The Van Buren Township Police Department recently started the "Police Officer on a Bus" program to monitor traffic violations.

According to officials, drivers have been disregarding school bus lights, which when illuminated, require drivers to stop. Officers will ride on school buses to observe the traffic while students are being boarded or left off. They will continue to monitor the situation with zero tolerance for violators.

The program is scheduled to continue throughout the school year. Concerns can be referred to the police department traffic services unit at (734) 699-8907.

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CITY OF ROMULUS
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
38350 HURON RIVER DRIVE

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended (The City and Village Zoning Act), notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7, 2007, for the purpose of considering a variance request. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

The Zoning Board of Appeals has set the public hearing to consider a variance from Section 4.07 of the City of Romulus Zoning Ordinance to allow greater than 25% of the proposed exterior building materials for a new industrial facility to be constructed of masonry block. The Ordinance requires that industrial buildings within 300 feet of a public right-of-way be constructed of brick, stone or glass. The subject property is located at 38350 Huron River Drive. (Commonly known as Blue Ribbon Contracting). DP#'s 82-80-073-01-0175-002 and 82-80-073-01-0176-002. Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, March 7, 2007, and should be addressed to Cynthia I. Lyon, AICP, City Planner, Economic Development Department, 11111 Wayne, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

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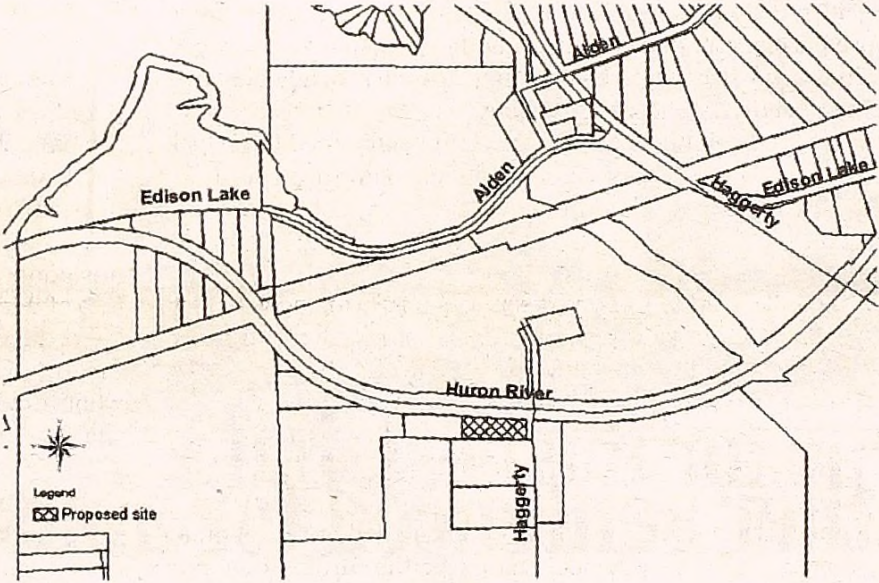
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
ORDINANCE 02-06-07
PROPOSED REZONING MAP

First reading of ordinance; Second reading for adoption will be held at the 7:30 p.m. regular meeting of the Board of Trustee on Tuesday, 02-20-07 to be held in the Board Room, in the Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ZONING ORDINANCE 06-02-92, AS AMENDED, OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.



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- Section 1.** The Zoning Map in connection with the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Van Buren shall be amended so that the zoning of the following described property to wit:
Ordinance Number 02-06-07
A request to amend the Zoning Ordinance 6/2/92, as amended, to amend the zoning map by rezoning parcel number V-125-83-095-01-0231-010; to be re-zoned C-2 (General Business) from C (Local Business).
Legal Description of Property:
24C231A1C2 PART OF LOT 231 BEG AT SE COR TH N86DEG 43M W 363.13FT TH DUE N 120.97FT TH S85DEG 38M 25S E 362.90FT TH DUE S 115.92FT POB
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- Section 2.** All Ordinances and parts of Ordinance in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict.
- Section 3.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption and publication.
- Section 4.** This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, Country of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2007.
- Yeas: King, Payne, Budd, Clair, Jahr and Rochowiak.
Nays: None.
Absent: Hart (excused).

This Ordinance shall be immediately recorded by the Township Clerk in the Township Ordinance Book as soon as it is adopted, which record shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Supervisor and Clerk and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township within ten (10) days after its passage.

I hereby certify that Ordinance 02-06-07 was published in the Belleville Enterprise, a newspaper circulating within the Charter Township of Van Buren.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King
Township Supervisor

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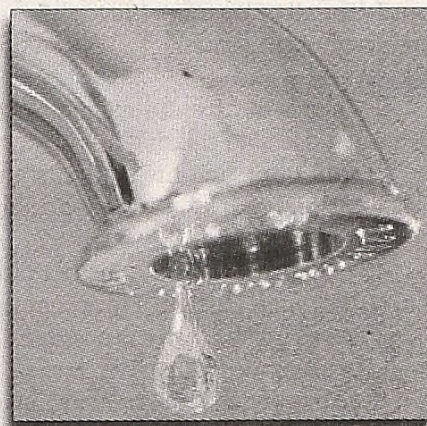
All A's win reward

The all "A" students at Edgemont Elementary School were rewarded recently for their hard work and effort by Nicole Freeman and Jane Vesche, owners of Main Street Flowers in Belleville. Top students were each presented a Webkinz plush animal, an online pet that children can register on the Internet and feed, dress and even take to the doctor. Webkinz owners can share stories with others and play games on the Internet, too. The third grade students included: Karrie Brashear, Zachary DeBoer, Tyler Etheron, Alexis Hamel, Jayla Jackson, Brandon Jensen, Tyler Kerns, Shelby Kelemen and Darrien Thomas. The fourth grade students were: Savannah Courter, Kailyn Gray, Ryann Hollis, Kimberley Lazaroff, Zachary Martin, Taylor Price and Cameron Schmenk. The fifth grade students included: Jake Harsch, Sydney Bagley, Jalen Cooper, Alex Marie Jones, Kately Martin, Ryan Samonek, Alan Stoelton and Tyler Hood.



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Father sentenced for abuse

Kevin Hill
Staff Writer

A Canton Township man will serve at least one year in prison for abusing his infant son.

Steven Michael Szyszkowski, 26, pleaded no contest to second-degree child abuse in the case of his weeks-old baby in December. He was originally charged with two counts of first-degree child abuse.

The baby's mother, Jayme Beth Stratton, also pleaded no contest to fourth-degree child abuse. Police said she knew Szyszkowski was abusing their child but did not intervene. She received a maximum 2-year probationary sentence.

Neighbors in the Wagon Wheels mobile home park on Mott Road alerted Canton Police in December that the couple's baby may have been abused. Chris Sherwood said she was visiting when she saw the infant had a bloody lip and witnessed blood

on Szyszkowski's shirt.

"That was it. I cut the line," she told *The Canton Eagle* in December. "Somebody had to step up to bat."

Sgt. Rick Pomorski of the Canton Police Department said Szyszkowski admitted to shaking the child after becoming frustrated with his crying.

"We have somebody ill-equipped to deal with a screaming baby," said Pomorski. "It just got to him and he snapped."

A medical examination team at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor found the child had nine broken bones and other injuries. The infant was expected to make a full recovery and was placed in protective care.

Szyszkowski could serve a maximum of four years under the sentence handed down by Judge James Chylinski at Wayne County Circuit Court on Feb. 1. Chylinski also sentenced Stratton to two years probation on Jan. 31.

Wayne jewelry store is robbed

Scott Spielman
Editor

Wayne police are looking for two men in connection with a daring daylight robbery that took place last week at Leo's Jewelry and Gifts on Michigan Avenue.

Lt. Jason Wright of the Wayne Police Department said the robbery took place at about 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 3. The store, which is between Second Street and Wayne Road on the westbound side of Michigan Avenue, was open at the time.

According to Wright, both suspects pulled up at the back of the store and got out of their vehicle. One held the door open while the other dashed in, smashed some display cases and took several Rolex watches. He then jumped back in the car and they sped away.

"It happened real quick," Wright said.

The store is equipped with video cameras and the owners are working with police to see if they can identify the robbers. Wright said the department was following up on leads, too.

"We're still working it," he said.

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Reviewed By
Lester L. Holmes, Jr.
Staff Writer

HANNIBAL RISING

Prequel film doesn't meet expectations of audience

Since his first appearance on the silver screen, the saga of Dr. Hannibal Lecter has riveted and chilled movie fans throughout the world. The prequel—created to explain the origins of one of the most notorious and sadistic figures in cinema history—will probably disappoint them, however.

Hannibal Rising, the fourth installment of the series created by author Thomas Harris to hit movie theatres, starts with 9-year-old Hannibal watching his parents die in the crossfire between Nazi and Russian troops during the final stages of World War II.

The young Hannibal is caring for his 4-year-old sister when a team of Nazi sympathizing soldiers from Lithuania storm in and take the children hostage. After a few days of using the children as cover for their war atrocities, the soldiers make the grim decision to kill the little girl and indirectly introduce Lecter to cannibalism.

Sparing us the gory details, the movie forwards eight years to 1952, when a 17-year-old Lecter (Gaspard Ulliel) is forced to live in a USSR-sanctioned orphanage that was formerly his parents' castle. As a punishment for his constant nightmares that wake-up the entire compound, he is forced to sleep in the basement.

While getting used to his new surroundings, he discovers the whereabouts of his uncle who lives in France. After setting a few traps for the guards, Lecter escapes



the compound and crosses through Communist Germany to arrive at his destination. When he arrives in Paris, Hannibal learns that his only remaining relative is a young Asian woman who married his uncle. The movie takes a peculiar turn as Lady Murasaki (Gong-Li) reveals she is a Samurai warrior.

Similar to the relationship a padawan of the *Star Wars* series would have with his Jedi Master, Li's character teaches

Hannibal how to wield a sword and how to channel the ancient force of Samurai ancestors before going into battle.

After killing a man for making crude comments about Murasaki, Hannibal learns the whereabouts of the men responsible for his sister's demise. While balancing his medical school classes and his mission of revenge, Hannibal travels back and forth through Europe and catches the attention of a French investigator in

charge of apprehending former Nazis.

The investigator decides to follow Hannibal in hopes that he will lead him to one of the most wanted war criminals in Europe. Unfortunately for the inspector, Hannibal has other plans.

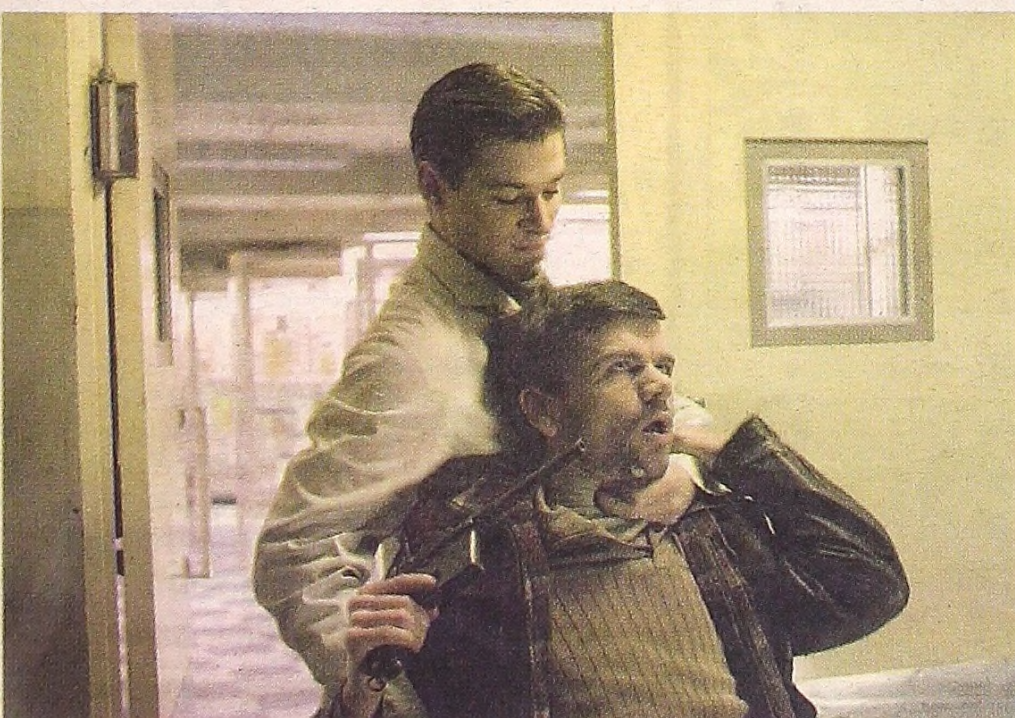
The cannibal revenge tour ends in North America and sets in motion the actions of Hannibal the Cannibal in the United States.

While the film shows how the scars of the World War II ruined lives, the revenge story doesn't explain why Lecter continued his cannibalistic ways after his enemies were cooked.

The romantic tension between Hannibal and his aunt belonged in a romantic comedy—not a horror film. The actors did the best they could with the material they were given. However, it would have been nice to see Sir Anthony Hopkins in the movie.

The film has some good spots. The movie was more of a psychological thriller than gory horror film. The story doesn't mesh well with the Dr. Lecter we know from *Silence of the Lambs*. It's just hard to compare this with the brilliant performances of Hopkins and Jodie Foster in the original.

If you have nothing else to do on a Saturday night, it's a good flick to check out. Just don't cancel your reservations at E.G Nick's to see it. A DVD viewing will suffice.



Study suggests restructuring of city staff

Andrea King
Staff Writer

There are a few changes coming soon to Belleville City Hall.

Officials approved the restructuring recently after Councilmember Walter Mears started a review of current city operations. He found changes needed in the clerk-treasurer position, clerical staff, municipal facilities management, information technology and total quality management.

"The principles will allow the city to address issues in real time and across all departments," he said. "I believe this can and should be accomplished with the current staffing. The same concerns have been echoed in each department: how will we accomplish this and who will make sure it's done?"

"The need for our administration to ensure there is an 'owner' of projects and adequate follow-up when we set out to do a project can't be emphasized enough," he added.

Findings in the city clerical staff showed a need for reorganization into a staff pool to report to the new clerk-treasurer.

"I can't justify, except for the police department, the continued separation of the front office staff and the building department staff," said Mears. "To begin with, the building department is only open from 8 a.m. to noon,

Monday-Friday and the current model doesn't meet the needs of the customers. Many of the people must come back to obtain the service they require. Also, the front office staff has taken on many responsibilities which would normally be handled by the treasurer/finance director."

The change will allow the building department to assume normal business hours and provide resources where the city needs them when they need them, according to officials.

The building department has also seen an increase in revenue over the years, despite the decrease in overall activity. However, the expenses have consistently increased and surpassed revenue.

The report also questioned the current opening for a building inspector, but because of activity in the department, officials approved combining the building department official and department of public services director positions.

Workstation changes at city hall were also altered to include the addition of a break/meeting room, a mayor and council office and extra office space.

Police Chief Gene Taylor said he was concerned with moving around police employees.

"It's creating a negative atmosphere and bringing the morale down," he said. "The council is part-time folks—no offense to

them—and I have a problem with this. I'm concerned it's handicapping the police department more and taking away space—making our job more difficult."

"I have proposed changes to solve space problems in the past, but sometimes it falls on deaf ears," he added.

Mears said it was an administrative function of how to most appropriately use the space.

"To be honest I feel any change that would come across

the police department the chief would have a problem with," he said.

Councilmembers later approved allowing department heads the discretion to place employees into particular rooms. A total quality management process will be put into place, as well.

"The community is evolving

and we need to manage that," said Mears. "These moves will add value, make things easier and make sure the process works."

This is the second of three city operations reports. Officials will also look into better databases, work on a 10-year budget plan and forecast and evaluate the aesthetics of city hall, according to Mears.

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SPORTS

Northville kickers sign college letters

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Snow blanketed the ground last week, but spring was in the air at Northville High School.

That is, since last week included national signing day, the spring season was the talk of the high school as three senior girl soccer players—who can't even start practicing for the their spring season for another month—signed their letters of intent to play next year at the collegiate level.

After this spring season forward Danielle Toney, goalie Liz Watza and defender Kristen Slack will disperse across the country to various universities.

The three seniors were all a part of Northville's state runner-up team of last year.

Toney, a four-year varsity starter, is headed to Penn State University in the fall. She scored 21 goals last year for the Lady Stangs. She has a total of 72 goals

after three years of play and is nine goals away from tying the schools' all-time scoring record currently held by last year graduate Lauren Hill, who is at Michigan State University.

Toney will miss the first few games for Northville this season. She is headed to Brazil to play for the United States Olympic Developmental Program there.

"I'm really excited," said the superstar of her choice of universities. "It really seemed like a good fit and I think I'll improve as a player there. The team is very good, too. They've won the Big Ten...a lot, so, I'm looking forward to that."

Watza, a third-year varsity starter, will join former Lady Mustang Lindsey Blair at Oakland University. Watza recorded five wins—four of them by shutouts.

"Oakland has a really good program and I really like the coaching staff," Watza said. "I met a lot of the girls on the team and I



From left, Northville's Danielle Toney (Penn State), Kristen Slack (George Washington) and Liz Watza (Oakland) all signed their national letters of intent last week to play soccer at the next level.

really like them; they were very welcoming. It's also close to home and, obviously, it is important to have my parents and family to be able to come to watch the games."

Slack, another four-year starter, takes her quiet demeanor and tough defending skills to Washington D.C. to play at George Washington University.

"It's really unique and it has that "out-of-the-box" type of atmosphere and D.C. just offers so many different experiences,"

she said of the university. "It just seems like a program that I can fit well into and contribute a lot to."

With the excitement out of the way the three seniors can start to concentrate on the impending season that starts at the end of March.

There will be plenty of work to be done, too.

Northville lost nine players off of last year's roster and are only returning four seniors. Senior midfielder Julie Raymond joins

the other three as the team leaders.

And then there's Novi—Northville's nemesis. The Mustangs only lost three games last year but two of them were to the Wildcats, who beat Northville in the state championship game.

"We have to give everything we got to each game and hopefully good things will happen," Slack added. "I think we four seniors are a good group so we can pull it together."

Canton Chiefs overpower Wayne Zebras in close win

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Temperatures outside Alumni Arena in Wayne plunged below zero Friday night, but the Wayne Memorial Zebras and the Canton Chiefs kept things sizzling inside.

It was the second close game between the two teams in less than a month—and both times Canton came away with the win.

In Friday's match the Chiefs held off a third-period flurry from Wayne to capture the victory, 50-46.

Canton lost starting senior forward Steve Paye to injury and sharp-shooting junior forward Neil Sharma and senior guard Ryan Langdon were less than 100 percent with the flu.

That put the ball in the hands of bench players like Eric

Thornton and Caleb Lerner—both came up with big shots for the Chiefs.

After Wayne rallied from a seven-point half-time deficit, 26-19, to pull ahead by two at the end of three quarters, Thornton, a senior forward, was the one that stepped up in the final stanza.

He hit eight of Canton's first 10 points—part of a 10-2 run—in the fourth, including back-to-back

triples. Sharma also hit two from the line in the span to put Canton back on top, 43-37.

Wayne then battled back to within two with shots from junior forward John Hill, Jeremy Lovelady and two freebies from Michael Lee. That would be as close as the Zebras would get the rest of the way as Canton finished 5-of-6 from the line.

"That's what he is capable of

doing," said Canton Coach Charlie Paye of Thornton's performance. "He had some confidence. If he hits the first one, he's OK. If he misses the first one then he starts thinking too much. Tonight he played through it because he wasn't hitting early and hit some big shots for us."

Wayne made things interesting

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Flyers upset Belleville Tigers

The Belleville Tigers were either overconfident, or they merely underestimated Willow Run on Friday.

Whatever the reason, the Flyers upset the visiting Tigers, 62-58. Belleville, coming off of a huge win against Romulus the prior week, couldn't get it done against Willow Run—a team they beat by 15 earlier in the season.

"(Willow Run) has been playing pretty well lately," said Belleville Coach Don Hickman. "I don't think my boys gave them the respect that they deserved and, the next thing they knew, they were in a ball game."

It was close throughout the game. The teams even traded the lead six times in the third quarter, according to Hickman. That was until Flyer senior guard Eric Thomas drained a triple with about two seconds remaining to put Willow Run up, 39-37.

"Thomas was hitting shots with defenders draped all over him," Hickman said. "At one point he made four consecutive three-pointers."

The triple at the end of the third was

the first. He opened the fourth with three more to give his Flyers a 48-40 advantage. However, even after Paris King's slam-dunk that gave the Flyers a 57-50 lead, the Tigers didn't give in.

Belleville got back in the game when senior guard Marius Williams and senior forward Brian "Butch" Zantop hit triples. Junior Guard Kyle Gupton followed up with a deuce, and the Tigers were within two, 60-58.

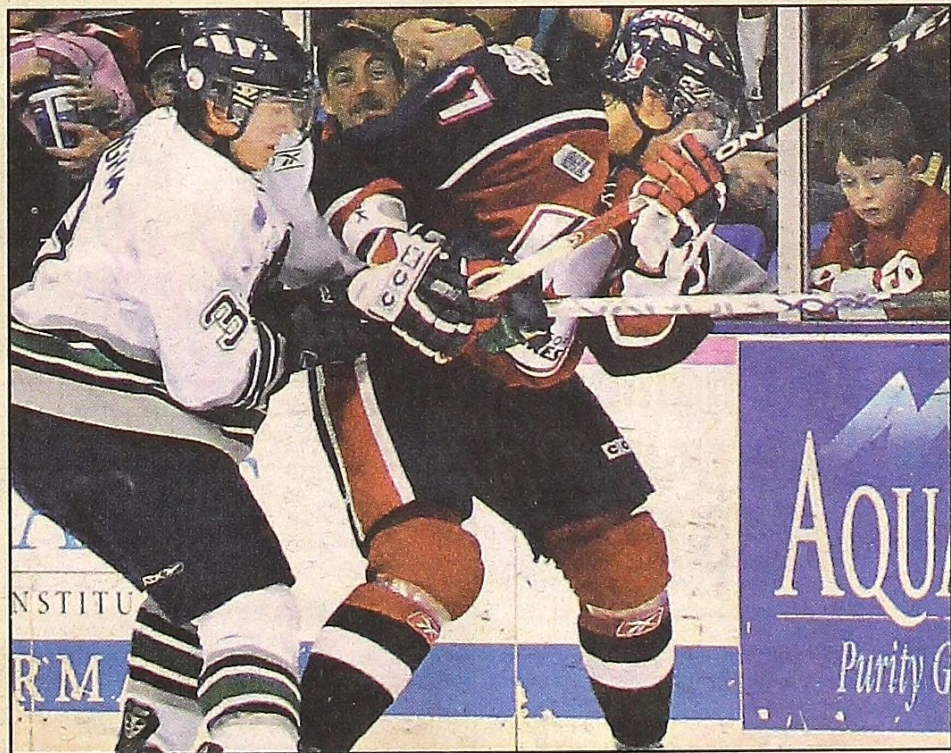
Chris Mathews sank two free throws to make it a two-possession game with four ticks left on the clock.

Thomas had a game-high 18 points.

Belleville's bright spot might have been senior center Anthony Wafer, who scored 12 and secured 11 rebounds.

"He's to the point where you can pretty much pencil him in with a double-double every night," Hickman said. "I didn't really have anyone else. If I did, we would have won."

Belleville heads to Ann Arbor Pioneer at 7 p.m. on Friday and hosts Taylor Truman at 7 p.m. on Tuesday.



On a roll

The Plymouth Whalers have won five straight and 30 of their last 37 games. Plymouth beat Windsor twice over the weekend. On Sunday it took a shootout to decide the winner. James Neal and Evan Brophey scored to give the Whalers a 4-3 road victory. At home, the Whalers beat the Spitfires, 6-2, on Saturday and Owen Sound, 6-3, on Friday. Plymouth is on the road all week starting at Barrie on Thursday, Sudbury on Friday, Sault Ste. Marie on Sunday and Saginaw on Wednesday. Photo by Ken Garner

SPORTS

Romulus Eagles earn 2nd hoops win over Monroe

It wasn't pretty, but the Romulus Eagle hoopsters fended off host Monroe, 50-43, for a Mega Red victory on Friday.

"We'll take it," said Romulus Coach Nate Oats, coming off losses to Belleville and Ypsilanti last week. "We didn't play particularly well, but we always struggle against them down there. I think they play a lot harder down there."

That or the Eagles just play worse down there.

Romulus beat the Trojans by

more than 40 points, 88-45, at home at the top of the season.

The biggest problem Romulus faced was making shots. The Eagles were only 30 percent from the field, made only 3-of-12 triples, and were only 45 percent from the line, according to Oats.

The Eagle defense did its job, forcing 23 turnovers. However, Romulus didn't make the shots in transition.

"We just couldn't hit any shots," Oats said. "We defended well and rebounded well and we didn't

have a problem getting shots or getting open for shots; we just weren't hitting them."

The basket-challenged Eagles struggled the most in the third quarter, where they only scored seven points. Monroe's effort wasn't any better—in fact it was worse. They only scored six.

The first quarter was even at 11. Then the Eagles got things going a little, outscoring the Trojans, 14-10, to give them a four-point half-time lead. After the third-quarter doldrums, Romulus

put together a solid fourth frame with 18 points to Monroe's 16.

Sophomore guard Valdez Green led the Eagles with 12 points. Junior guard Mario Crawford added nine and senior guard Rod Walker, eight. Romulus' top scorer junior guard Dominique Buckley, was limited to two points but he grabbed five

rebounds and recorded five assists.

Senior forward Dwayne Edwards nabbed seven rebounds. Green and Crawford each had four boards in the effort.

The Eagles face a tough host in Taylor Truman at 7 p.m. on Friday and host Willow Run at 7 p.m. on Tuesday.

Hoops

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in the third. They started the frame with a 10-2 run to take the lead, 29-28. Canton regained the advantage with a three-point play by senior center Ryan Waidmann and a deuce by Lerner. Woodson knotted the score at 33 for Wayne and 6-foot-10 junior center Jeremy Lovelady had a put-back to give the Zebras a 35-33 lead at the third quarter buzzer.

That set the stage for Canton's fourth-quarter run.

Thornton finished with 11. Senior Center Ryan Waidmann was aggressive in the paint. He led the team with 14. Senior guard Josh Butler scored eight; Sharma, seven; and Langdon, six. Lerner finished with four—both

shots gave Canton an advantage after Wayne either tied or took the lead.

All in all Canton put 11 players on the floor.

"It was a great team win because we played 11 and they all stepped up," Paye said. "They all did a nice job for us when they were out there. Neil and Langdon gave us what they could. Waidmann was aggressive tonight and Josh did a good job controlling the ball and guarding number four (Lee)."

The win boosted Canton to 9-5 overall and 6-1 in the Western Division. Wayne dropped to 7-7 overall and 3-4 in the division.

Despite the record, the Zebras have been close in every game they have lost. They even dominated Canton in their first meeting—only to lose on a buzzer-beater by Sharma.

"We knew we were in for a close one tonight," said Dave Freeman, Wayne's assistant varsity coach. "The first time we dominated the game on the defensive end and on the offensive. We executed real well the first time so we knew that wasn't going to be a problem. One of the keys was matching energy. Coach Paye had them ready and they're a very physical team."

Lovelady led Wayne with 14 points. Lee added 11.

Paye thinks Wayne could be a threat in the playoffs.

"Wayne is good," he said. "They're athletic and can shoot the ball. When you think you have a chance to put them away that's when they come back at you. When the playoffs come around they're going to be around—they're going to beat somebody in that first round."

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College teacher thrives on learning environment

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Nancy Ruetz, a teacher and administrator at Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD) Western Campus, has always been interested in social interaction.

Fresh out of college, Ruetz jumped into her teaching career at a nursery school and, eventually landed a role working with college students, but no matter where she was, one lesson remained the same: people need to learn to play to their strengths.

“Once people can take responsibility for themselves they can start putting themselves in situations where they can succeed,” said Ruetz.

That’s just one of the messages she likes to encourage in her developmental education classes at the college. It’s a class, Ruetz said, that changes lives.

“It teaches how to manage time, stress, organization and prioritize what needs to be done,” she said. “If you can do that, then you can start taking control. I’ve had many students say that this class did change their lives.”

Ruetz, 58, has been teaching at the WCCCD western campus for 5 years. Besides teaching, she is also a campus operations associate, where she helps with student set up for classes and scheduling.

The road Ruetz took involved a variety of jobs: teaching nursery school in Hawaii, opening up her own nursery school in Southgate, raising her sons, Carl and Adam, coordinating education for Great Lakes Steel and working with the Wayne State University Empowerment Zone federal government program. It helped inner city community gang members get out, get in to a legal job and help them to have the skills and knowledge to go to school and support their families, Ruetz said.

“It was difficult and I thought I was the wrong person for the job, but I had the experience,” she said. “It was challenging, but it turned out wonderful. They were all motivated to change their lives.”

However, when funding was cut for the empowerment program and, a position opened up at WCCCD western campus, Ruetz was first in line.

“Absolutely without a doubt teaching is the most exciting for me. I love to be in the classroom,” she said. “I think the students gain appreciation of differences and I learn something absolutely every time for them, too.”

“It’s a diverse college population, it’s always interesting and I’m always learning,” Ruetz added. “We really can learn so much from each other.”

Question Box:

What is the best piece of advice you’ve received?

Treat everybody equally because nobody’s better than you and you’re not better than anybody.

What are your hobbies?

Gardening and collecting beach glass off of Lake Erie in Monroe where I live.

What is your favorite kind of music?

Jim Brickman.

What is your favorite TV show?

Grey’s Anatomy.

What is the last book you’ve read?

A biography on Jackie O.

What are you most proud of?

My sons.

My childhood dream was to be

...an entertainer...which I think I am in a way in class.

When nobody’s looking I like to

...take another piece of chocolate.



Nancy Ruetz has been teaching at the Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD) western campus for 5 years. She is also a campus operations associate, where she helps with student setup for classes and scheduling.

Costco shelves plans for new store on Michigan Avenue in Canton

Kevin Hill
Staff Writer

Sometimes, disappointments come in bulk.

Plans have been scrapped for a Costco store in Canton, according to township officials.

“It takes a lot of work and a lot of time to pull one of those deals together,” said Karl

Zarbo, township trustee. “It can blow up in an instant.”

First announced in 2005 and touted as a boost for Michigan Avenue retail development in Canton, the store would have replaced the defunct Best Block concrete plant at the southwest corner of Michigan Avenue and Belleville Road. Permits had been secured and demolition

was expected any day. The company had even begun selling memberships to township employees.

“Everybody around here is very disappointed,” said Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, who said he learned about the decision Wednesday. The company won’t move forward with a planned store in Woodhaven, either.

Zarbo said the company felt it was a bad time to open a new store in Southeast Michigan. The closest existing stores are in Livonia.

“Geographically, a Canton resident has to go a long way to get to one of these. I think there’s going to be disappointment from that standpoint.”

Costco is a members-only

bulk wholesaler known for aggressively cutting costs to maintain its slim profit margins. The frugality extends to opening new stores, where the bottom line may have meant it didn’t make sense in the poor Michigan economy—even though retail remains one of the only strong areas in the state.

BOARD OF REVIEW - CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN FOR 2007 ASSESSMENTS

NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The **BOARD OF REVIEW** of the Charter Township of Van Buren will meet at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, on the following dates:

March 6, Tuesday
10:00 a.m. to 12 noon

March 12, Monday
9:00 a.m. to 12 noon and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

March 14, Wednesday
9:00 a.m. to 12 noon and 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

To review property assessments for 2007. Taxpayers/property owners may file an appeal of assessment(s) to the Board of Review in **WRITING** without personal appearance. **Letters of appeal must be received on or before March 15, 2007.**

Those taxpayers wishing to **appeal in person, please call the Township by March 13, 2007** at 734.699.8946 to set an **APPOINTMENT** to meet with the Board of Review on any of the above dates.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Van Buren Charter Township

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March 01, 2007

CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The City of Romulus is proud to announce a Request for Qualifications (“RFQ”) to select a facilities management firm for its new recreation facility under construction on 16.5 acres of land at the southwest corner of Wayne and Northline Roads. This RFQ is for the purpose of selecting a management team to present a business plan for the operation of the facility and the related financial arrangements. The City is open to consider all operating structures. The City will enter into a contract with a management firm that meets the needs of the City, members of the recreation facility, and Romulus residents.

The City is in the process of constructing an approximately 89,000 square foot membership-based facility that is planned to open in the late summer/early fall of 2007. The facility includes: aquatic center with attached multi-use rooms, gymnasium, banquet facility, fitness center, concession stand, climbing wall, day care area, multi-use rooms, youth gymnasium, walking track, lounge, teen center and splash park. All facets of the facility will be encompassed within the jurisdiction of the management team.

There is no intention of the City to be a direct competitor of the third party, but rather to assist as part of a dynamic team. It is the goal of the City to select and award the contract for management in a timely manner.

Interested management firms should provide an RFQ Submission that documents the team’s interest in the project. Submission details maybe attained from the Planning and Economic Development Department of the City of Romulus, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174, through Friday, March 2, 2007.

If you have any questions, please call Tim Keyes, Economic Development Director, at (734) 955-4537.

Publish: February 15, 2007

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 6, 2007

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor King, Clerk Payne, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Clair, Trustee Jahr and Trustee Rochowiak. Absent and excused: Trustee Hart. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Kelley, Public Safety Director Champagne, Water and Sewer Director Duha, Planning and Economic Development Deputy Director Swallow, Captain Brooks, Captain Laurain, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Cline and an audience of fifteen (15).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Payne moved, Jahr seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Remove New Business Items #5 "Consider adoption of Resolution 2007-05, Updated Computer Policy and Usage Guide.", #12 "Consider adoption of Resolution 2007-08, storm water management system maintenance and repair agreement between the Township and Creative Land Design, Inc. (Country Walk III Condominium) and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement.", #15 "Consider adoption of Resolution 2007-11, storm water management system maintenance and repair agreement between the Township and Van Buren Development, LLC (Victoria Estates Condominium) and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement." and #16 "Consider adoption of Resolution 2007-12, storm water management system maintenance and repair agreement between the Township and Van Buren Development, LLC (Victoria Park Condominium) and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement." Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

MINUTES: Rochowiak moved, Budd seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of January 8, 2007 as presented. Carried.

Payne moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the Closed Session Minutes of January 8, 2007 as presented. Carried.

Budd moved, Clair seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2007 as presented. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Representatives from the State of Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning presented the Traffic Unit with the award for Excellence and Traffic Safety Program.

Chief Nicholai received an email expressing thanks to the Fire Department for their professional response during a recent traffic accident.

A letter from Access to Recreation announcing Van Buren Parks Department pavilion accessibility improvement project has been selected to receive a \$2,300 Recreation Access matching grant award from the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association Foundation for accessibility improvements at Van Buren Park.

On Saturday, February 17th the annual Hearts Go Out To Yankee fundraiser dinner and auction for the Yankee Air Force will be held at the Hellenic Cultural Center located at 36375 Joy Road in Westland. For further information contact Bob Hynes at 248.885.0387.

Wayne County Department of Environment is sponsoring a Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, March 31st from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Sumpter Township DPS facility located at 23501 Sumpter Road. For more information contact the Wayne County Department of Environment at 734.326.3936.

On Saturday, February 10th the Wayne County Fair benefit dinner will be held at 6:00 p.m. for more information call 734.942.7684.

On Saturday, February 10th the Belleville Moose Lodge 934 will be host a Texas Hold'em Charity poker tournament call 734.697.2111 for more information.

On Tuesday, February 20th the Belleville Rotary will be hosting an Italian Dinner from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Eagles Hall on Beck Road.

On Saturday, February 17th Edgemont Elementary School is hosting their first annual Scrap Book Extravaganza from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. for more information call 734.697.8002.

On Thursday, February 8th the September Days Senior Center will host a Care Givers Support Group meeting from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Denton Room at township hall.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Budd moved, Clair seconded to approve the appointment of April Ruot to the Public Safety Committee to fill a vacancy with term to expire July 30, 2007. Carried.

Payne moved, Rochowiak seconded to adopt Resolution 2007-03 approving the Performance Resolution and designating the Supervisor and/or Clerk as the authorized officials to sign permits for the Department of Transportation. Carried.

Jahr moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the addition/removal of authorized investment financial institutions as recommended. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Clair seconded to adopt Resolution 2007-04 approving Wade-

Trim 2007 rate schedule. Carried.

Payne moved, Jahr seconded to adopt Resolution 2007-06 approving and authorizing participation for a two year period of Van Buren Township in the Joint Management Committee for the Downriver Sewage Disposal system and naming Supervisor King as the delegate and Treasurer Budd as the alternate delegate. Carried.

Jahr moved, Budd seconded to adopt Resolution 2007-07 withdrawal from the Canton, Van Buren and Sumpter Water and Sewage Disposal Authority. Carried.

Budd moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the agreements between the Township and Wayne County for conducting elections in the Wayne County Community College District, Wayne RESA and Van Buren Public Schools. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Clair seconded to approve the agreement between the Township and Washtenaw County for conducting elections in the Lincoln Consolidated School District. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Budd seconded to approve to retain Patrick B. McCauley as legal counsel to the township. Carried.

Payne moved, Clair seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 02-06-07 to amend the Township Zoning Ordinance, 06-02-92, as amended, to rezone a parcel of land known as 41001 E. Huron River Drive from C (Local Business) to C-1 (General Business), located on the southwest corner of the intersection of E. Huron River Drive and Haggerty Road. Carried.

*(A copy of Ordinance 02-06-07 follows the minutes. Copies may also be obtained in the Clerk's Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road during normal business hours.)

Rochowiak moved, Budd seconded to adopt Resolution 2007-09 approving the storm water management system maintenance and repair agreement between the Township and Tyler Investments, LLC a.k.a. Belleville Development (Murray's) and authorizing the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement. Carried.

Payne moved, Jahr seconded to adopt Resolution 2007-10 approving the storm water management system maintenance and repair agreement between the Township and Van Buren Park Associates, LLC (Van Buren Business Center) and authorizing the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement. Carried.

Budd moved, Clair seconded to adopt Resolution 2007-13 designating the Township Supervisor as an additional authorized representative for the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Equalization Basin Project. Carried.

Budd moved, Jahr seconded to amend the Environmental Commission Bylaws as presented. Carried.

Clair moved, Payne seconded to adopt Resolution 2007-14 approving the Board of Trustees Meeting Rules of Conduct Policy, as amended during the Board meeting. Carried.

Budd moved, Payne seconded to approve Wade-Trim's proposal dated February 1, 2007 for Drinking Water Revolving Fund (DWRF) Project Plan. Carried.

Payne moved, Jahr seconded to approve the Public Works Director Job Description and to authorize the commencing of the hiring process. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Rochowiak moved, Payne seconded to approve the February 6, 2007 voucher list as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: Supervisor King ordered the December 2006 Public Safety Report received and filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Township Administrative offices will be closed on Monday, February 19th in observance of Presidents' Day. Due to the closing the Work Study Session will be held on Tuesday, February 20th at 4:00 p.m. prior to the 7:30 p.m. Board Meeting

Treasurer Budd stated the last day to pay winter taxes is February 28th and taxes can be paid via charge card on-line and there is also a drop box located in the Public Safety Lobby.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): Two residents made comments on broadcasting Planning Commission meetings on the township cable station. A resident further commented on how Closed Session meetings are posted by case numbers and how township notices and minutes are published.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Payne moved, Rochowiak seconded to adjourn at 9:41 p.m. Carried.
Respectfully submitted,

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King
Supervisor

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD JANUARY 22, 2007 IN THE ROMULUS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Pro-Tem William Wadsworth.
Present: John Barden, Leroy Burcroff, Harry Crout, William Crova, William Wadsworth.
Excused: Ellen Craig-Bragg, Randolph Gear.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Alan Lambert, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
Pamela Morrison/Kersey, CMFA, Treasurer

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-011

2. Motion by Barden, supported by Burcroff to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held January 8, 2007.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-012

3A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to concur with the recommendations of the Romulus Police Department and approve the transfer ownership of 2006 B-Hotel licensed business with official permit (food) and 128 rooms, located at 9501 Middlebelt Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174, Wayne County, from Airport Lodges, Inc. to Zifi, Inc. Req. I.D. #372795.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-013

4A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crout to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Vira McGrane.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-014

4B. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crout to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Helen Hay.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-015

4C. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Archie Sheldon.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to accept the Chairperson’s Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-016

5A. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to concur with the Administration and designate the Director of Public Works, Tom Wilson as the City’s representative and Derrick Schueller, Assistant DPW Director as the alternate representative to the Alliance of Downriver Watersheds.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-017

5B. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Barden to authorize Department of Public Works Director and/or the sitting Assistant Department of Public Works Director signatory power for long- term maintenance agreements for storm water retention/detention systems, storm water systems and Wayne County Permits Applications to Construct.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-018

5C. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to concur with the recommendation of Public Works Director, Tom Wilson and approve the proposed Performance Bond form for all applicable DPW permits for construction within the City of Romulus.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-019

5D. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to concur with the recommendation of Debra Hoffman, Director of Finance and approve extension of the professional ser-

vices contract with Plante & Moran to run concurrent with the Mayors term of office.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-020

5E. Motion by Barden, supported by Crout to introduce Budget Amendment 06/07-20:

ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	BUDGET	AMENDMENT	BUDGET
<u>General Fund</u>				
<u>Revenue</u>				
101-4130-410.68-30	Other Revenue-Contributions	0	5,000	5,000
<u>Expense</u>				
101-4130-741.90-40	Construction-Special Project	0	5,000	5,000

To establish an account for the new Animal Shelter schematic design.

07-021

5F. Motion by Barden, supported by Crout to concur with the recommendation of Tim Keyes, Economic Development Director and approve Gharfari Associates, LLC proposal for Phase One Architectural and Engineering Services for the Romulus Animal Shelter in the amount of \$5,000, not including reimbursable expenses.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-022

6A1. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to concur with the recommendations of the Property Disposition Committee and reject bids as submitted below:

020 03 0010 000 in the amount of \$100.00 from Thien Ta
020-03 0017 000 in the amount of \$100.00 from Thien Ta
020 03 0020 000 in the amount of \$100.00 from Thien Ta
014 03 0234 000 in the amount of \$500.00 from Presidential Builders LLC

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-023

6A2. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to concur with the recommendation of the Grassroots Organization and adopt a resolution designating March 4, 2007 as Constitution Day in Romulus to commemorate the 218th anniversary of the day the First United States Congress convened under the new constitution.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.

07-024

6A3. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to approve second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendment 06/07-19. (Water & Sewer Fund), introduced at the Council Meeting held January 8, 2007.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-025

6A4. Motion by Burcroff, supported Crout to concur with the request of Beverly Road Development, LLC, and schedule a Public Hearing on February 26, 2007 at 6:45 p.m. in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174, for the purpose of hearing objections to vacating a portion of Hubbard Road that runs north and south between Beverly and Henry Ruff Roads. Said vacation would be south of the drain which crosses Hubbard Road at the north-west corner of 82-80-012-0025-000 to its southern terminus.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-026

11. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Barden to authorize City Treasurer to disburse funds as listed in Warrant 07-02 in the grand total amount of Eight Hundred Seventy Nine Thousand, Two Hundred Sixty Three Dollars and Eighty Six Cents (\$879,263.86).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Abstain - Crova.
Motion Carried.

12. Motion by Barden, supported by Crova to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Roomfuls, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held January 22, 2007.

Linda R. Choate, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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113. Real Estate Wanted
114. Auto Accessories
115. Autos for Sale
116. Antique & Classic Cars
117. Trucks & Vans for Sale
118. Freebies
119. Auto Repairs
120. Motorcycles
121. Autos Wanted

1. Obituaries

Be it known to all men and/or interested parties, the Inkster Housing Commission gives proper and due notice that any and all possessions belonging to:
Celestre LaFawn Grier
29950 Pierce
Inkster, MI 48141

Celestre LaFawn Grier passed away January 19, 2007. All remaining possessions will become property of the Inkster Housing Commission, unless otherwise properly claimed and removed in five (5) days.

BERTRAM, Donelga, age 86 of Detroit, Died February 10, 2007. Beloved wife of the late Gerald. Loving mother of Donna Bertram and Hope Reno. Loving grandmother of Kimberly, Dawn and Matthew. Dearest great grandmother of 15. Visitation and Funeral services 11:00am Thursday, February 15th at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 34567 Michigan Ave., Wayne. Rev. Mark Raitz officiating. Mrs. Bertram will be laid to rest at Glen Eden Cemetery.

FOSTER, Ina L., age 73 of Garden City, formerly of Westland, died February 6, 2007. Loving mother of Barbara Bluebaugh, Cynthia LaCroix, Robert (Bobbie) Hoover, Brian and Stephen (Lisa). Dear sister of Tom Doherty. Dearest grandmother of 12 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Visitation and Funeral Services were held at Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Wayne, Pastor Bob McDonald officiated.

RIGDON, Hazel M., age 98 of Circleville, OH, and a former 70-year resident of Wayne, MI, died Friday February 9, 2007, at the Logan Elm Nursing Home in Circleville. A loving homemaker, Hazel was a devoted wife and mother and served as a longtime babysitter for several children throughout the years. She was a 1928 graduate of Milford Center High School. She was born February 16, 1908, in London, to the late Edward and Ida Mae Jester Lee. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Rigdon, her daughter, Beverly Igdon, three sisters, Marjorie Culp, Alice Henry and Kathryn Harris, and two brothers, Donald Lee and Gene Lee. She is survived by two brothers, Wilson "Bud" (Ruth) Lee of Columbus, OH and Raymond (Rosemary) Lee of Urbana, OH, a sister, Emily (Pat) Patterson of Panama City Beach, FL

and many nieces and nephews. Rev. Jack Marcum officiated private family services at Mannasmith Funeral Home. A memorial service will take place at a later date. Interment was at Union Township Cemetery, Milford Center. Condolences may be expressed at: mannasmithfuneralhome.com

2. In Memoriam

Donald L. Livingston
September 9, 1948
February 13, 2006

It is hard to believe a year has passed. It seems like just yesterday.

Someday it won't hurt so bad and we will be able to smile again. Someday the tears won't flow quite as freely whenever we think of what might have been. Someday the answers to "Why" and "What if" won't be so important. But for today, we will be sad.

You are loved and missed. Sharon, Jason, Bob, the McCurry & Livingston families.

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CITY OF INKSTER PLUMBING/MECHANICAL INSPECTOR

The City of Inkster Department of Building and Structural Safety is now accepting resumes for the position of Plumbing/Mechanical Code Official. Responsibilities will include inspecting and performing plan reviews to assure compliance with State of Michigan construction codes and local ordinances.

The candidates must possess, or be able to obtain within six months, certifications in the fields of mechanical and plumbing as recognized by the State of Michigan Bureau of Construction Codes. The current salary range is \$40,900-\$43,000.

A valid Michigan driver's license is required. Interested parties should submit resumes to:

City of Inkster
Personnel Department
2121 Inkster Rd.
Inkster, MI 48141

Application deadline is February 20, 2007

Direct Care Staff Wanted
Advance Care Inc. is looking for full and part time Residential Direct Care Staff. Positions available in several locations throughout the Wayne County area. Must have a valid driver's license and personal transportation. Direct Care training a plus but not required (all untrained staff must attend training). Please contact: Grace Wooden at (734) 326-3569 for application and further information.

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59. Auctions

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Joe Roza -Space #D37:
Tool box, misc. household items, washer/dryer, misc. boxes & items

DEARBORN HEIGHTS POLICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

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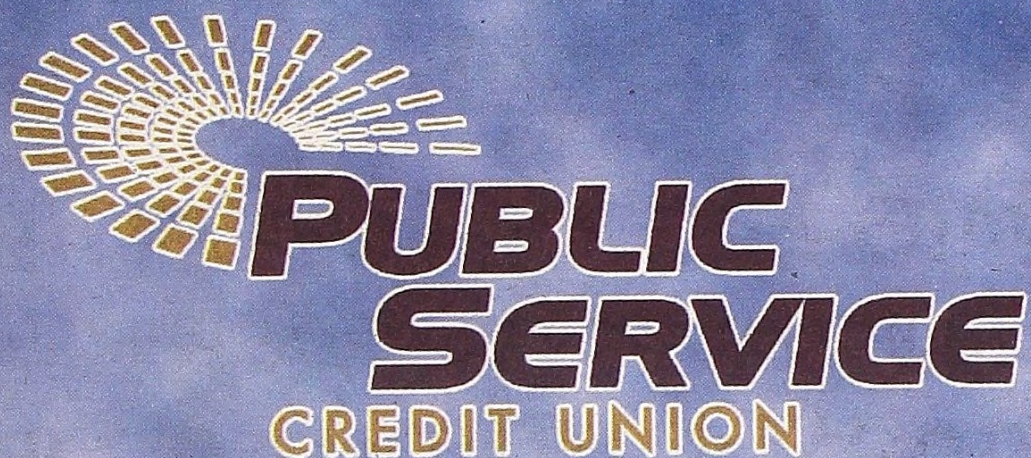
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